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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claim 5 has been amended to clarify applicants' structure by reciting that it is the tops and bottoms of the side panels which are accommodated within the height shortened panels. This contrasts with the Ringler reference, wherein at best straps are accommodated by height shortened panels. This reflects the quite different structure of the can carriers of the Ringler reference. The Office points to no teaching in Ringler as to how his can carrier blanks could or should be adapted to form carton carrier blanks of applicants' structure. Therefore, it is requested that the rejection as to claim 5 be withdrawn.

As to claim 1, at column 1, lines 14-16, and elsewhere, Ringler indicates that his carriers are to be sealed without the application of further securing means. In view of such statements, it is difficult to see why one of ordinary skill would be led to combine Ringler's can carriers with Coles et al.'s structurally different display unit. In particular, since Ringler's carriers are to be "closed and sealed without application of any securing means other than that provided on the collapsed shell" (Ringler specification, Col. 2, lines 6-9), it is difficult to see why one of ordinary skill would borrow Coles et al.'s outer film. Therefore, Ringler/Coles et al. would not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to the present invention, at least absent prompting with hindsight from the present specification. Consequently, it is respectfully requested that the rejection based on Ringler/Coles et al. be withdrawn as well.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

5. (Twice Amended) A nestable liner blank comprising at least three side panels separated by at least two transverse fold lines, the height of at least one of said side panels at a point intermediate said fold lines being less than 90% of the height of any [traverse] transverse fold line, said liner side panels having a top and a bottom, at least at one of said fold lines, one of said top and bottom of said panels being accommodated in a space between the height of the liner panel at one of said fold lines and the height of the panel at least at one of said points wherein the height of said panel is less than 90% that of the fold line when said blanks are nested.